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State Representative Elsenheimer
S1389 House Office Building
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Lansing, MI 48909-7514

Re: HB 4398

Dear Representative Elsenheimer:

As a practicing Community Planner within the State of Michigan, I would like to voice my support for House Bill 4398. As you know, this bill would create a single zoning act by consolidating the Township, City/Village, and County Zoning Acts. Unification of the three current acts would eliminate much of the confusion and duplication.

There are many benefits of the unification of the statutes including common procedures for public hearing notices, notifications of citations and cross references, and creation of a single statute that would be easier to amend in the future.

Our firm represents numerous townships, cities and counties. Common zoning procedures and regulations would benefit a wide spectrum of public officials within these communities and be a benefit to State planning.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter. If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Very Truly Yours,

CARLISLE/WORTMAN ASSOCIATES, INC.

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